



# Low Income Energy Assistance for South Dakotans



**Energy Assistance helps low-income South Dakotans pay for home heating costs. Energy assistance may not pay for all of your home heating cost.**

How does low income energy assistance help? It helps pay heat costs directly to an energy supplier for the following:

- **Natural Gas and Electric heat:** the amount of energy assistance you are approved for will be applied to unpaid heating charges from the regular meter read dates occurring within the time period October 1st through April 30th.
- **Propane and Fuel Oil:** the amount of energy assistance you are approved for will be applied to unpaid heating charges resulting from fills occurring within the time period July 1 through April 30.

Energy assistance may also help if your heat is included in the cost of your rent or you pay your heat costs directly to your landlord in addition to your rent.

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## APPLY TODAY!

- Call toll-free at **1-800-233-8503** and request that an application be sent to you.
- Obtain an application at any **local Department of Social Services office**.
- Print application from website: <http://dss.sd.gov/energyassistance/applying>

**NOTE:** Applications received after **March 15** will be processed for the next heating season.

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## WHAT TO SEND IN WHEN YOU APPLY:

- 1. Application.** The application must be signed by everyone living in the house age 18 or older. All sections of the application must be completed.
- 2. Proof of Household Income** for everyone living in the house that was received in the 3 calendar months prior to the month you sign and send your application. **Proof means:** copies of check stubs, employer's income statements, award letters, etc. Self-employed persons must send a complete copy of the previous year tax return.
- 3. Proof of Home heating costs. Proof means:** a copy of a recent bill or fill ticket from the energy supplier, a statement from the energy supplier showing type of heat and account number, or a statement from the landlord verifying heat is paid as part of rent or in addition to the rent.

**NOTE:** Your application will be denied if it is incomplete or the proof is not attached.